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CHEROKEE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: POLICY AND PERSONNEL

REF: STATE 168401

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CABLE. I AGREE WITH YOUR CONCLUSION THAT ANY DIRECT MENTION OF WSJ PIECE WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND I AM SURE, AS THE PERSON TARGETED, I AM OVERLY SENSITIVE. NONETHELESS I CONTINUE TO FEEL REVERBERATIONS FROM HOME. THUS I STILL FIRMLY BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR YOU TO MAKE BACKGROUND COMMENTS TO JOURNALIST WHICH WOULD REBUT THE NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS DRAWN FROM WSJ ARTICLE AS TO MY COMPETENCE AND SUPPORT. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH I FEEL I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO DEFEND MYSELF; AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, I HAVE HAD NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS WHICH I HAVE LET PASS.

2. ONE OPTION WOULD BE TO DESCRIBE AMBASSADOR TO BELGRADE AS, PURSUANT TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, OVERRIDING PUSILLANIMOUS, LANGUID EUNUCHS IN BOWELS OF STATE DEPARTMENT. AFTER SUCH A REFERENCE I COULD RUN FOR SENATE IN NEW YORK AGAINST MOYNIHAN.
SILBERMAN

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